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SUBJECT 1. LOCATION OF WORK CAMP FOR VIETNAMESE PRISONERS NEAR NAM DINH

2. PARTICIPATION OF GOVERNMENT CADRES IN PORK BLACK MARKET IN VICINITY OF NAM DINH

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1. IN THE AREA SOUTH OF NAM DINH, APPROXIMATELY 35 KILOMETERS INLAND FROM THE GULF OF TONKIN, THE NORTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT MAINTAINS A PRISON WORK CAMP. ALTHOUGH THE PRISONERS ARE DETAINED FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS, MOST WERE ACCUSED OF HAVING "DEVIATIONIST" TENDENCIES. ALL THE PRISONERS ARE VIETNAMESE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF

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2. THERE ARE FOOD SHORTAGES AND LITTLE OR NO MEDICINE

IS AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS IN THE VICINITY OF THE CAMP.

EVERY FARM WORKER IN THIS AREA RECEIVES NVN \$45.00/EACH (\$12.16 AT 3.7 DONG TO \$US)

MONTH FROM THE NORTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT. IN ADDITION,

EACH INDIVIDUAL RECEIVES A MONTHLY PADDY RICE RATION OF

SEVEN KILOGRAMS ((APPROXIMATELY 15.4 POUNDS OF UNMILLED RICE)).

3. IN THIS AREA LOCAL GOVERNMENT CADRES PARTICIPATE

IN THE MAINTENANCE OF A BLACK MARKET IN PORK. LOCAL

RESIDENTS WHO RAISE PIGS ARE GIVEN CARDS AUTHORIZING THEM

TO PURCHASE 12 KILOGRAMS (ABOUT 26.4 POUNDS) OF PORK FOR

EACH THREE PIGS THEY DELIVER. WHILE THE OFFICIAL PRICE

OF PORK IS NVN \$2.0 PER KILOGRAM, GOVERNMENT CADRES BUY

THE PORK CARDS BACK FROM THE PIG GROWERS AT THE RATE OF

NVN \$3-4.0 PER KILOGRAM, AND THEN SELL THE PORK ON THEIR

OWN WIDE-SPREAD BLACK MARKET AT PRICES RANGING FROM NVN \$12-

20.0 PER KILOGRAM. WHILE LOCAL RESIDENTS ARE FOR-

BIDDEN TO TRAVEL FROM THEIR OWN VILLAGES AND THUS CANNOT

DEVELOP A BLACK MARKET OF THEIR OWN, GOVERNMENT CADRES

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ARE ABLE TO MOVE ABOUT AND SELL THE PORK AT THE MOST
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